

Stoker's Talking points – Pelosi Briefing Scheduled on February 26, 2019

**We all understand this is highly unusual and serious situation.** The data falsification from Tetrattech EC Inc's is something we have never seen before in the Superfund program.

- In Fall 2016, EPA and the State of CA wrote to the Navy to reiterate that no further transfers of property should occur until we fully understand the breadth of data manipulation *and* fully characterize the nature and extent of contamination on the site.
- We understand that redeveloping the site is a key priority for the City of San Francisco, and we are working efficiently to realize that goal. However, our primary role is to protect human health and the environment. We are following established national Superfund laws, regulations, and policies as they relate to understanding the nature and extent of contamination and actions to protect public health.
- Over the last two years, my staff has worked daily with the Navy and the State of CA in a very intense work rhythm to review data and draft plans to retest the area. My technical staff of national experts has been very quick and responsive.

**We are focused on approving the Navy's plans to begin retesting in Parcel G as soon as possible.** This parcel was identified as the top priority for San Francisco regarding their redevelopment plans.

- The Navy along with EPA and State partners have worked diligently to lay out a smart, scientifically defensible retesting strategy. This strategy enables efficiency and effectiveness. If the results do not identify any *possible* concerns in regard to public health, the results will provide the confidence that the site is suitable for redevelopment.
- The Navy and EPA continue to discuss how low the detection limits need to be in the retesting strategy. The detection limits must be low enough to provide us with the right information to make appropriate decisions to protect human health.
- We plan to ask the Navy to move forward with some field work, while we continue to work out the details of other work. This plan will allow field work to start very soon, while working out appropriate details of future work.

**Commented [SY1]:** Not sure if this phrase is appropriate for the situation. We could also say the sensitivity of the sampling technology.

**We plan to have high-level discussions with the City and the State regarding their important roles in redeveloping the site.** The City of San Francisco and the State of California each play a critical role, as they have policies and regulations that may be extremely challenging to meet. We believe that the property can be redeveloped in a way that is safe for the public; however, it will require....

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#### Questions and Answers

**What happens when EPA and the Navy have disagreements on the work?**

Where there are disagreements, we are guided by our Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), which is...  
[EXPLAIN what an FFA is]. DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENS IN A FORMAL DISPUTE...

**What field work is EPA ready for the Navy to move forward on?**

...Background testing and soil testing...

**What is the timeline for the retesting work to be complete?**

The Navy's schedule is for soil retesting to be complete in February 2021 and building retesting to be complete by June 2020.

**What regulations does the City and State have that are challenging the cleanup?**

City – unrestricted reuse for residential....

State – disposal practices for radiation in building materials....

**Question about Five-Year Review...**

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**Question about Parcel D-1 (if news hits on Steve Castleman's claim regarding relationship between contractor who did work and Tetrach and possibly hidden spikes of radiation)**

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